



Dolores A. Spaulding

August 2, 1927 - October 21, 2025

Dolores A. Spaulding, age 98, of Salem Township, passed away peacefully on October 21, 2025.

Born on August 2, 1927, Dolores was the eldest of six children and grew up in the Lola Valley area of Redford, Michigan. In 1948, she married her high school sweetheart, Don Spaulding, and together they built a beautiful life and a loving family, raising six children.

Known affectionately as “DeeDee,” Dolores was devoted to her family, her faith, and her community. She was a talented seamstress and an avid traveler who loved exploring the world alongside her beloved Don. She deeply loved her dogs, as well as reading, cooking, and attending Red Wings games. She also designed and built three homes in Southfield, Northville, and Boyne City. Her strength, warmth, and deep dedication to those she loved will be remembered always.

Dolores is survived by her children and their families:

- Patrick and Joyce Spaulding, and their sons Jay and Clint; Clint’s wife Sarah Frank and their daughter Frankie.
- Joanne and Scott Hoeft, and their sons Jared and Christopher; Jared’s wife Emily and their daughters Paige and Harper.
- Suzanne Spaulding and her cherished dog, Shelby.
- Marianne and Drew Schmidt, and their daughters Grace, Lianna, and

Maggie; Grace's husband Steve and grandchildren Charlotte and Benjamin.

- Michael Spaulding and Robert Marc.
- Ric and Debbie Spaulding, and their son Kyle with his spouse Lauren and son Jack; their daughter Emily and her wife Samantha, and their daughter Ava.

Dolores is reunited in eternal rest with her husband Don and other beloved family members who have gone before her.

Visitation will be held Monday, October 27th, from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road West (between Sheldon and Beck), Plymouth.

She will lie in state on Tuesday, October 28th, from 10:00 AM until the Funeral Mass at 10:30 AM at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 North Territorial Road (at Beck), Plymouth.

Interment will take place at Old St. Patrick Catholic Cemetery in Ann Arbor.

Memorial Contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

To share a memory of Dolores, please visit the "Share a Memory" tab on this page.

Cemetery Details

Old St. Patrick Cemetery

5671 Whitmore Lake Road
Ann Arbor, MI 48130

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 27. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth
46401 Ann Arbor Road West
Plymouth, MI 48170
(734) 459-2250
plymouth@vermeulenfh.com

Lie in State

OCT 28. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church
47650 N Territorial Rd
Plymouth, MI 48170-2852
(734) 453-0326

Funeral Mass

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Tribute Wall



“ Joan C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dolores A. Spaulding.

Joan C. - October 28, 2025 at 10:07 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Dolores A. Spaulding.



October 27, 2025 at 12:44 PM



“ Progressive Cardiology Associates & Staff planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dolores A. Spaulding.

Progressive Cardiology Associates & Staff - October 27, 2025 at 12:44 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dolores A. Spaulding.



October 27, 2025 at 01:13 AM

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“ The Swartzinski Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dolores A. Spaulding.

The Swartzinski Family - October 27, 2025 at 01:13 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dolores A. Spaulding.



October 25, 2025 at 10:27 AM

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“ Shawna Pulver and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dolores A. Spaulding.

Shawna Pulver and family - October 25, 2025 at 10:27 AM

MM

“ When my daughter, Natalie, was 10, she started a dog walking business called the “Pet Pals.” We were handing out flyers in the neighborhood, trying to drum up some business, when we arrived at Mrs. Spaulding’s house. Without any hesitation, she asked “can you come over tomorrow?” Since then, Natalie has walked Shelby numerous times. Each time, she would stick around and chat with Mrs. Spaulding. The two of them developed a beautiful little friendship that we are so very thankful for. She was a great neighbor and our hearts go out to the entire Spaulding family.

-the McCoys



Mike McCoy - October 24, 2025 at 08:59 PM

LT

“ We have known Dee and Don Spaulding since we moved into our new home across the street from them in 2001. A short time later they gifted us with a beautiful birdhouse and some burning bushes that they brought back from up north. We enjoyed talking with Don and Dee often as we worked in our yard or visited our mailbox, We have missed Don for several years and now his lovely wife and our friend Dee has also entered into eternal life. May God bless you Dee! You will be sorely missed. Sincerely, Carol and Leo Tallieu

Leo Tallieu - October 23, 2025 at 05:35 PM

JS

“ *Dee and Don were the first to welcome us when we moved next door to them 26 years ago. Dee told me over the years she enjoyed hearing our four children playing outside. I also discovered years later why our dog, Maizey, would escape our yard. Maizey loved playing with the German Shepherds Dee had over the years. However, it turns out Dee was also giving our Maizey treats. Dee has missed Don tremendously over the past 13 years. I'll miss talking with her or the occasional humble request for help from one of The Boys. Although, I'm happy she's with Don again. Lots of love. Jacklyn, Steve, Jack, Roy, Will and Ella*

Jacklyn Swartzinski - October 23, 2025 at 01:56 PM